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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

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Sir:

- 1. This is a petition for an extension by one month of the time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 5, 2002.
- 2. Applicant is not a small entity.
- 3. A Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with this petition.
- 4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00. Charge to Deposit Account No. 12-0415 any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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